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PRICE, \$24 PER ANNUM.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GORDON, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES HENDY & Co., 37, Wallbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROSNY, 19, Rue Monnaie, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORDON, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO AND AMERICAN PORTS generally.—BRAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. HEINZEN & Co., Manila.

CHINA.—Messrs A. A. DE MELLO & Co., Serravallo, Campello & Co., Amoy, Wilson, NICHOLS & Co., Fuchow, Hedger & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Banks.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £5,000,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per annum.

" 6 " " 4% " "

" 12 " " 5% " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND, £1,800,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—A. McIVER, Esq.

Deputy Chairman—H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.

E. R. BELLING, Esq.

H. DE O. FORBES, Esq.

H. HOPKINS, Esq.

Chief Manager, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

MANAGER, Shanghai, and London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " " 5 per cent. " "

" 12 " " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, June 14, 1881.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000.

RESERVE FUND, £2,000,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue Bergère, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at:

LONDON, BOULON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLES, BORNEO, HONGKONG, LYONS, CANTON, SHANGHAI, FUCHOW, NANTZ, MELBOURNE, AND SYDNEY.

LONDON BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

Messrs C. J. HAMBRO & SON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. SCHWELBLIN, Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, April 12, 1881.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

POLICIES GRANTED at current rates on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH, Secretary.

Hongkong, April 6, 1881.

Notices of Firms.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

DURING my Absence from Hongkong, Mr. ROBERT COOKE will act as Secretary.

By Order of the Board, D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, June 13, 1881.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, the 16th July, 1881, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road, SUNDRIY SILVER & PLATED-WARE, lately belonging to

W. R. LANDSTEIN, Deceased, comprising—

SUPPER DISHES, SIDE DISHES, DISH COVERS, CHINA DISHES, DECANTER STANDS, SUGAR BOWLS, MUSTARD POT, SALT CELLARS, SALVERS, and EPERGNE.

2 SILVER GILT CLARET JUGS.

3 " CLARET JUG and 2 GOBLET.

3 " CUPS and STANDS in Case.

1 SET SILVER DESSERT KNIVES and FORKS in Case.

1 SET SILVER FISH KNIVES and FORKS in Case.

Etc., Etc., Etc.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 11, 1881.

For Sale.

JUST LANDED.

EX-SHIPMENT "Merionethshire,"

A Great Assortment of LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S FRENCH BOOTS and SHOES.

LADIES' Richly Embroidered WHITE and BLACK SATIN GLOVES.

CHILDREN'S BOOTS and SHOES.

MEN'S WHITE CANVAS SHOES.

For Sale by ECA DA SILVA & Co.

Hongkong, July 7, 1881.

FOR SALE.

VALVOLINE CYLINDER OIL.

THIS Oil is a lubricant for the Valves and Cylinders of Steam Engines, and is free from the objections which exist against the use of tallow or vegetable oils.

J. M. ARMSTRONG.

Hongkong, June 27, 1881.

JOHN BAZLEY WHITE & BROTHERS.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

Sole Agents for China, HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, June 13, 1881.

FOR SALE.

BOURBON WHISKY, "SHORT HORN" BRAND, O.K.E., ** and *** in bottle, 1 dozen per case.

LAFFITTE'S CELEBRATED DINNER and BREAKFAST CLARETS in pints and quarts.

"RHAPSODIA," A BRAIN and NERVE Tonic, in bottle.

PRICES ON APPLICATION.

Apply to J. G. SMITH & Co.

Hongkong, June 11, 1881.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts, £16 per doz. Case.

Pints, £17 per doz. Case.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

FOR SALE.

DWELLING HOUSES, in WYNDHAM STREET, Nos. 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45 & 47, on Sections B & C of INLAND LOT No. 51, belonging to the Portuguese Mission in China.

For Particulars, apply to J. J. DOS REMEDIOS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 2, 1881.

To Let.

TO LET.

ROOMS in CLUB CHAMBERS, suitable for Offices or Chambers.

The BUNGALOW, No. 2, SHELLEY STREET.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, June 18, 1881.

TO LET.

No. 2, Old Bailey Street, And, No. 6, PEARL'S HALL.

Apply to DAVID SAMSON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, May 30, 1881.

GODOWNS-TO LET.

PRAYA EAST AND WANCHAI ROAD.

For Particulars, apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, January 21, 1881.

Intimations.

PROSPECTUS

OF THE

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT SILVER LOAN, 1881.

AUTHORISED BY IMPERIAL DECREE DATED THE 2ND MAY, 1881.

For Kanah Tools, £4,000,000. For Kanah Tools, £4,000,000.

In Bonds of Tael 500 each of Shanghai Sycee, bearing Interest from the 1st August, 1881.

Principal and Interest payable in Shanghai. The Bonds are redeemable at Par within Six years (1887), by Eight Half-yearly Instalments, the first of which will be payable on the 30th November, 1883.

The Bonds will bear Interest at the Rate of Eight per cent. per annum Shanghai Tael, payable Half-yearly according to the Chinese Calendar as per annexed Schedule, at the Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at Current Rates of Exchange for Demand Bills on Shanghai, after which date interest on the Bonds so drawn will cease.

The First Payment of Interest will be made on the 21st December, 1881.

The Drawings will take place in Hongkong in April, 1883, and the Bonds so drawn will be paid off at Par on the respective dates specified in the annexed Schedule at the Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at Current Rates of Exchange for Demand Bills on Shanghai, after which date interest on the Bonds so drawn will cease.

Bonds to bearer will be issued on the 1st August, 1881, against allotment letter, and on payment of the Balance Due on same.

SCHEDULE.

TABLE OF DRAWINGS AND PAYMENTS OF INTEREST.

Date of Payment Amount of Drawing Interest.

1881 December 21 136,444.49

1882 June 16 170,075.17

" December 10 170,075.17

1883 June 10 170,075.17

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1884 June 10 170,075.17

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1918 June 10 170,075.17

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1919 June 10 170,075.17

" December 10 170,075.17

1920 June 10 170,075.17

" December 10 170,075.17

Intimations.

NOTICE.

AN Extraordinary General Meeting of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG CLUB is hereby convened to take place at the Club House, on THURSDAY, the 14th Instant, at 2.45 o'clock p.m.

By Order of the General Committee, EDWARD BEART, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 6, 1881.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Thirtieth Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 52, Queen's Road, on THURSDAY, the 28th July instant, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 8, 1881.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 28th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 8, 1881.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on FRIDAY, the 29th Instant, at 4 o'clock p.m.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th Instant.

By Order of the Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong

For Sale.

MacEwen, Frickel & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED FOR SALE,
Recently arrived Mail and
other Steamships.

AMERICAN AND ENGLISH
GROCERIES.
FRESH SUPPLIES RECEIVED BY EVERY
MAIL.

Eastern and Californian CHEESE.
Boneless CODFISH.
Prime HAMS and BACON.
Russian CAVIARE.
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.
PEACH, and APPLE BUTTER.
Pickled OX-TONGUES.
Family PIG-PORK in kegs and pieces.
Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.
Boat Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 2 1/2 lb cans.
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage
MEAT.
Stuffed PEPPERS.
Assorted PICKLES.
MINCEMEAT.

COMB HONEY in Original Frames.
Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted
MEATS.
Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.
Assorted American SYRUPS, for Sum-
mer Drinks.
McCarthy's Sugar LEMONADE.
Clam CHOWDER.
Coddish BALLS.
Green TURTLE in 2 1/2 lb cans.

CALIFORNIA
CRACKER
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
tins, and loaves.
Alphabetical BIS-
CUITS.
Fancy Sweet Mixed
BISCUITS.
Ginger CAKES.
Soda BISCUITS.
Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.
OATMEAL.
HOMINY.
CORNMEAL.
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.
RYE MEAL.

NEW BOOKS.—
3,000 Numbers "FRANKLIN SQUARE" and
"SEASIDE" LIBRARIES, including
McCarthy's "History of Our Own
Times," "ENDYMION," and
other recent Publications, from
15 cents to 25
cents each.

HERBERT SPENCER'S COMPLETE WORKS
ON SYNTHETIC PHILOSOPHY.

HAVING'S COMPLETE WORKS.
HAWTHORNE'S COMPLETE WORKS.
EMERSON'S COMPLETE WORKS.
PRESOTT'S COMPLETE WORKS.
EDGAR POE'S COMPLETE WORKS.
WILLIAMS'S "MIDDLE KINGDOM."
GRIFFIN'S "MIKADO'S EMPIRE."

BANCROFT'S HISTORY OF THE UNITED
STATES.

HARPER'S HALF HOUR SERIES.
Medical WORKS.

School BOOKS.

Presentation BOOKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE.

ALBUMS of Music, with Words.

ALBUMS of Pianoforte Pieces.

Sheet MUSIC.

Photo. ALBUMS, Etc., Etc.

REVOLVING BOOK CASES.

STATIONERY.—
For Ladies, and Office use.

OFFICE REQUISITES of every description.

SPECIALY SELECTED
CIGARS.

WINES, SPIRITS, BEER AND
AERATED WATERS.

CHASSE & BLACKWELL'S
and
JOHN MOIR & SON'S
FAMOUS HOUSEHOLD STORES.

TESSONAU'S DESSERT FRUITS.

SAVOURY PATE.

GAME PATE.

OX PALATES.

HUNG (Hambo) BEEF.

TRIPE.

FRUITS for Ices.

SHERBET.

COCOATINA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.

ERB'S COCOA.

ROBINSON'S GELATINE.

Russia OX-TONGUES.

French PLUMS.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

SARDINES.

Ham TONGUE and
Chicken SAUSAGE.

ASPARAGUS.

MACARONI.

VERMICELLI.

SAUSAGES.

MEATS.

SOUPS, &c., &c.

SHIPHANDLERY of every Description.
RIGGING and SAIL-MAKING promptly
executed.

Hongkong, June 20, 1881.

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSAILLES;
Also,
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON THURSDAY, the 14th day of July,
1881, at Noon, the Company's S. S.
YANGTZE, Commandant, PALMERLY,
with MAELS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon of 13th.

Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the
13th of July, 1881. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left at
the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 1, 1881. jy14

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE S. S. BELGIC will be despatched
on MONDAY, the 18th July, 1881, at 3 p.m.
Connection being made at Yokohama,
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan
ports.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m. of the 17th July.

All Parcels and Packages must be marked to
address in full; and same will be received at
the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the day
previous to sailing.

A Reduction of 25 % made on all
Return Passage Orders issued.

Consular Invoices to accompany Over-
land, Mexican, Central and South American
Cargo, should be sent to the Company's
Office addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

CHAS. H. HASWELL, JR.,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 7, 1881. jy18

Insurances.

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND
MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).
Unlimited Liability of Shareholders.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE
RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual
Discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, July 1, 1881.

LE CERCLE—TRANSPORTS.

SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME D'ASSURANCES
MARITIMES, MARSEILLE.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED, 15,000,000 FRANCS.
CAPITAL PAID-UP, 3,750,000 "

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS of the above Company, are
prepared to grant POLICIES on MARINE
RISKS to all parts of the World.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, Sept. 25, 1880. 27cs81

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL, £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared
to grant Policies against FIRE, to the
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at Current
Rates. RISKS on First-Class Godowns
Reduced to 1 % net premium annum
from this date.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, May 10, 1881. 10my82

PRUSSIAN NATIONAL INSURANCE
COMPANY, OF STETTIN.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to Grant Insurances against FIRE
at Current Rates.

MEYER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, May 10, 1881. 10my82

THAMES AND MERSEY MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—1, ROYAL EXCHANGE
BUILDINGS, LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS in Hongkong and China for
the above Company, are prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allow-
ing usual Discounts.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, May 3, 1881. 3my82

Insurances.

NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED,
Is prepared to ACCEPT FIRST-CLASS RISKS at
1 % net per Annum, and other INSURANCES
at Proportional Rates.

Shareholders are reminded that the Direc-
tors have the power of distributing a certain
proportion of the ascertained profits annually
among such Shareholders as have contrib-
uted business to the Company.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon,
Penang, and Manila.

A. G. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

YANGTZE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up) £420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE £230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND £288,936.17

TOTAL CAPITAL AND AC-
CUMULATIONS, 2nd April, 1881, £938,936.17

Directors.
F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
W. M. BOYD, Esq. Wm. MEYERINK, Esq.
J. H. PINKSON, Esq. F. D. HITCH, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.
Messrs BARKING PROTHERS & Co.,
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
68 and 69, Cornhill.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all
parts of the World.

Subject to a Charge of 12 % for Interest
on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS
of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are an-
nually distributed among all Contributors
of Business in proportion to the Premium
paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, May 20, 1881. 10cs81

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.
(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors for
their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling
of which is paid up £ 100,000
Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000
Annual Income £ 250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—
Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ANNA, German barque, Captain J. B.
Davidson.—Wieler & Co.

ANNA SIEBEN, German barque, Captain
A. Paulsen.—Wieler & Co.

ASTORIA, American ship, Captain M. P.
Anderson.—Messageries Maritimes.

C. F. SARGENT, American ship, Captain
D. H. Atherton.—Captain.

GREAT SUBEON, American barque, Capt.
H. P. Arbecum.—Edward Schellhaus & Co.

INVINCIBLE, American ship, Captain Jas.
F. Skewes.—Borneo Company, Limited.

LEONIDAS, British ship, Capt. W. Prehn.
—Captain.

LOUISA, Germ. 3-masted schooner, Capt.
N. Schierloh.—Edward Schellhaus & Co.

MELUNING, German barque, Captain Th.
Pfister.—Melchers & Co.

PENEDRO, British steamer, Captain T.
Kendall.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

SIGNAL, American barque, Capt. Austin
Whitney.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SIR JOHN LAWRENCE, British ship, Capt.
J. A. Best.—Messageries Maritimes.

STAR OF CHINA, British barque, Captain
Charles Smith.—Arnhold, KARBURG & Co.

WILNA, American ship, Captain J. E.
Lombard.—Order.

WASHINGTON BOOKS.
(In English and Chinese.)
WASSERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use
of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now
be had at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

Notices to Consignees.

STEAMER "BRUTUS" FROM HAM-
BURG.

THE above-named Steamer having ar-
rived, Consignees of Goods are hereby
informed that their Goods are being landed
at their risk into the Godowns of the Under-
signed, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods
on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining after the 16th Instant will be
subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 9, 1881. jy13

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

BRITISH BARK "STAR OF CHINA,"
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are requested to send in their
Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for con-
signation, and take immediate delivery of
their Cargo has been landed and stored at
the Godowns of the Undersigned.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 5, 1881.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Undersigned for con-
signation, and take immediate delivery of
their Cargo has been landed and stored at
the Godowns of the Undersigned.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Segregation.

No Mark, Nos. 91/120-30 drums White
Lead, Order from London.

B, No. 10, 1 case Effects, from Marseilles.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 9, 1881.

To-day's Advertisements.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Glenroy having arrived
at Hongkong, Consignees of Goods are re-
quested to send in their Bills of Lading to
the Undersigned for consignment, and take
immediate delivery of their Goods, which are
being landed at their risk into the Godowns
of the Undersigned, whence and/or from
the Wharves or Boats delivery may be ob-
tained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before 1
p.m. To-day, the 12th July.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
10th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, July 12, 1881. jy19

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID, MALTA, GIBRALTAR,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE,
SOUTHAMPTON, AND LONDON;
ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN
GULF, POLY, MARSEILLES,
TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK
AND BOSTON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
ROHILLA, Captain W. BARRATT, with
Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched
from this Port LONDON direct, via SUEZ
CANAL and usual Ports of Call, on
THURSDAY, the 21st Instant, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until
10 a.m. on the day of departure.

For further Particulars, regarding
FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the
PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are
required to be delivered prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to
note the terms and conditions of the Com-
pany's Black Bills of Lading.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, July 12, 1881. jy21

THE S. S. NIAGARA MARU, Capt.
W. W. Wynn, dep. here on or about the
18th July, will be despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 23rd July, at Day-
light.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at
the Office up to 6 p.m. of 22nd July.

Bill of Lading signed under \$2
Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board
before delivery is taken, otherwise they
will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

Cabin Steerage.
To KOBE, 60 \$15
YOKOHAMA & NAGASAKI, 75 20
SHANGHAI via YOKOHAMA, 120 40
" KOBE, 95 30

A Reduction is made on RETURN CARIN
PASSENGERS and PASSENGERS for Nagasaki
will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail
Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the
Company's OFFICE, PRATA CENTRAL, West
Corner Pottinger Street.

H. J. H. TRIPP,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 12, 1881. jy23

Intimations.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-
tions to Sell by Public Auction, on
TUESDAY

the 19th July, 1881, at 2 p.m., at No. 4,
Morrison Hill, the Residence of the late J.
ROBINSON.

The whole of the
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,
comprising:—

ENGLISH-MADE WALNUT DRAWING-ROOM
SUITE, ENGLISH-MADE WALNUT TABLES,
MARBLE CENTER TABLE, CANTON BLACK-
WOOD MARBLE-TOP TABLES, and TRAYS.

BROUSE VASES, ENGLISH BURNERS and
ORNAMENTS, PORCELAIN VASES and ORNA-
MENTS, JAPANESE ARMOUR.

ENGLISH-MADE MAHOAGANY TELESCOPE
DINING TABLE and SIDEBOARD with PLATE
GLASS; ENGLISH-MADE MAHOAGANY MOROCCO
COVERED SOFA and CHAIRS.

DRIVER, DESSETT and BREAKFAST SETS
and GLASSWARE, CLOCKS, MIRRORS, KERO-
SINE LAMPS, ENGRAVINGS, CARPETS and
HEARTH RUGS.

DOUBLE and SINGLE IRON BEDSTEADS,
WARDROBES, CHEST OF DRAWERS, MARBLE-
TOP WASHTABS, TOILET TABLE and GLASS,
and CHEVAL GLASS.

TWO AXIOMES, ONE IRON SAFE.
ONE SEMI-GRAND PIANO, by J. BROAD-
WOOD & SONS.

ONE CONCERT GRAND PIANO, by PLEYEL,
in Rosewood Case.

ETC., ETC., ETC.

Catalogues will be issued.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next AMERICA MAIL may be expected to arrive here, by the O. & O. steamer *Belgic*, on the 13th inst. Her San Francisco date is the 11th June. The next PACIFIC MAIL may be expected to arrive here, per the M. M. steamer *Demmah*, on Friday, the 16th inst. Her London date is the 10th June.

The Shanghai Courier learns that Messrs Boyd & Co. have accepted a contract to lengthen the *Meli* eighty feet.

The first prize of the Manila Lottery, which was drawn the other day, fell to ticket No. 506, and the second prize to ticket No. 14,852.

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs Russell & Co.) that the P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Peking* will leave Yokohama for Hongkong to-morrow, the 13th inst.

The German barque *Jane Peter*, which left here on Monday last for Tientsin, put back to-day owing, no doubt, to stress of weather. She is anchored outside Green Island.

We are informed by the agent of the Messageries Maritimes that the Company's S.S. *Djinnah* left Saigon for this port to-day (Tuesday), at 2 a.m.; she passed Cape St. James at 7.30 this morning.

A question having been raised as to the seaworthiness of the *Oscar Wildt* at Shanghai, the *Courier* learns that the vessel will not now proceed to Tientsin, as intended. Her cargo was being discharged into another vessel.

In addition to the shipping casualties reported in our Manila translations, we hear that fears were entertained there concerning the safety of the steamer *Chiriqui*, which was said to have been some days overdue from Iloilo when our last advices left.

To-day (12th), while the steamer *Brutus* was making fast to her buoy, a boat engaged in that operation, in which were three Chinamen and a German seaman, was capsized, and the latter and one of the Chinamen drowned.

The Siamese barque *Fabius* was towed into harbour here to-day in a disabled condition, by the *Catellon*, the new steamer for the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company. The *Catellon* is in command of Captain Miller, formerly of the *Bowen*.

The people of Manila have good reason to envy those in countries that are more free from catastrophes than the Philippines. From the account given elsewhere under the "Manila" heading it will be seen that the typhoon which was referred to by the telegraph nearly a fortnight ago was of a rather severe character. The steamer *Maritima* was lost, accompanied unfortunately by loss of life; and many other casualties are mentioned.

As a natural result of the unusually heavy rains of the last few days, we learn that portions of the retaining walls at Mr. Denny's house ("Brookhurst") and at the new bungalow owned by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co., have fallen out. Indeed, all made ground (tennis lawns, for instance) must be severely tested by the present weather. We have, however, heard of no extensive damage having been done.

Apparently the people of Singapore have a good deal of trouble in controlling the movements of their street conveyances. The eyes appear to be unable to resist the temptation of racing their vehicles, to the danger alike of the passengers and pedestrians, and to defray the fines which are inflicted for this, keep a common fund. The *Singapore Times*, speaking of an accident which had occurred in which two women and a child were hurt, calls for more stringent measures than mere Police Court prosecutions and fines.

This finding of the Marine Court of Inquiry which sat at Singapore to inquire into the loss of the steamer *Elyon* has been issued. The Court consider that the master of the vessel committed an error in judgment in pursuing his course of N.N.E. for so many miles with the wind at N.N.W. and a low barometer, instead of running to the southward. They also consider that the loss of the vessel was due to the master's lack of confidence in the recognised rules of the law of storms. After the ship struck everything that could be attempted was done. The Court did not think it necessary to deal with the certificates of the officers or master, but were of opinion that the master should be reprimanded; which was done. They also suggest that more particular examinations should be held regarding the laws of storms for candidates passing for command of vessels engaged in the waters of the China Sea.

The disgraceful condition of the Steps attached to Peddar's Wharf has been more than once referred to in these columns, but, to judge from the letter of a correspondent, no attention has been paid by the Acting Surveyor-General to the danger. It would be interesting were some person who had been injured on these steps to bring an action for damages against the Surveyor-General, because some light might then be thrown upon the unsatisfactory manner in which the duties of the department appear to be at present performed. As our correspondent says, several severe falls have occurred during the past two days, owing to the fact that the steps are covered with a greenish mould which makes it impossible for any

one to stand on them. One or two most serious falls have been previously reported; and the Surveyor-General may thoroughly satisfy himself, by trying to walk up or down the steps when the tide is out that an inquest is not necessary to secure the accomplishment of this trifling municipal improvement. Seriously speaking, it seems to us that it would be a very simple matter to keep these steps covered with sand during low water, or to take some other means to prevent what is at present a source of danger to every one using the Wharf, and especially to ladies.

This rain-storm of the last three or four days has probably saved us from a more serious trouble in the shape of a typhoon, while it has certainly inaugurated a pleasant change in the temperature. What is probably more important than all, however, is that the Pokokim Reservoir has been again filled to overflowing, and the threatened water famine is once more averted. A few days since the rocks at the bottom of the Reservoir were visible; while this morning the water was rushing freely over the bywash. As the water was some four or five feet below the bywash last evening, this means that a considerable amount of rain must have fallen during the succeeding twelve or fourteen hours. It is stated that the water must have risen about ten, or twelve feet in the Reservoir during the last four or five days; and as we are informed that the Reservoir shows a rise of about one foot for every inch of rainfall recorded, that would make the rainfall of this long-continued rain-storm something like 12 inches. Speaking of the storage of water at Pokokim, it would be very interesting information for the public to know, what the present depth of the Reservoir really is, what its capacity, and how much (if any) silting has resulted during the last ten or twelve years. In view of discussions regarding the Water Supply, these matters might be considered by one of the unofficial Members of Council of sufficient interest to justify the putting of a question. To judge from the colour of the water used for domestic purposes after a sharp shower, or by the discoloration of the Harbour near the shore after a good downpour, the amount of silting must be considerable.

An inquest was held in the Civil Hospital this afternoon before the Coroner, (Mr H. E. Widdowson), and a jury composed of Messrs J. A. da Costa, Chung, Ahoi, and Chow Dart Tong.

Dr. Marques said the body was brought to the Hospital yesterday evening about half past four. It was that of a well-built Chinese girl, about 19 or 20 years of age. He concluded from the appearance of the body that the girl had been drowned. Li Achi, wife of a seaman, and she knew the deceased. On Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock deceased called witness to assist her in taking some passenger to the S. S. *Plutonia*. Just when they got alongside a heavy small steamer the boat, throwing the occupants into the water. When the occurrence was seen a boat came and picked all up with the exception of the deceased, who could not be seen. The boat landed them, and they went and reported the matter to the police. No one from the steamer gave any assistance.

Yong Achi, master of the sampan No. 4826, gave evidence as to the rescue. His boat was lying near the end of the P. & O. Pier when he heard cries and saw some people in the water, and witness and two of his brothers proceeded to their assistance, and picked up two men, one woman and a girl. They could not find the fifth.

Inspector Thomson gave evidence as to the state of the weather on Sunday. The wind increased in force in the afternoon. The harbour was rough.

Li Achi (re-called) spoke as to the finding of the body of the deceased.

The Coroner remarked that the evidence showed that the men who rescued the people had behaved remarkably well, and asked if the jury wished to add anything to their verdict about it. The jury said the matter would be made known to the Government.

The Court at Shanghai which inquired into the loss of the C. M. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Hankow* have issued their findings. After detailing the circumstances of the voyage from Shanghai to the time she struck, the report proceeds:—

"We are of opinion that the loss of the *Hankow* was occasioned through error of judgment on the part of Captain Dowell."

"In setting aside the standard compass, the deviation card for which, as shown by observations on previous voyages to be correct."

"In not taking the precaution (on account of the dense fog) of standing out to the eastward on obtaining sounding of 13 fathoms, as had been his practice when approaching the S. S. *Promontory* at night."

"We would add that the evidence shows that there was a most satisfactory state of discipline on board the *Hankow* throughout the voyage, and that after the ship struck everything possible was done to get her off and to save property."

Under the heading of "The Ignorance of the Colonial Office," Mr. P. Benson Maxwell writes the following suggestive letter to the Editor of the *Daily News*, which that journal published in its issue of the 3rd June:—

Sir,—You express surprise that the Colonial Office was kept uninformed on the subject of Mr. Sumner's recent question. This want of information points to a defect in the system which the Colonial Office tolerate, and which yet admits of a simple and obvious remedy. The Governors seem to be under no obligation to be communicative. They may write or be silent as they please; they are at liberty to forward or withhold documents, or send only extracts from them, just as they like. When the Settlements were administered under the Government of India the Governors were bound to send forthwith to Calcutta copies of all official letters and documents addressed to or by them; and the Governor-General was thus kept supplied with full information of all that was going on in the Colonies. If the case of the French mission, for instance, which was the subject of Mr. Sumner's question had occurred in Sin-

gapore, and had been matter of inquiry in Calcutta, copies of all the papers on it would have been producible in a few minutes. Why should not the Colonial Office be kept as fully and faithfully informed as the Government of India? The cost would be insignificant; that the efficiency of the Colonial Office would be enormously increased. I can vouch from some knowledge of both systems.

The *North-China Daily News* of the 9th says:—"We hear that a telegram was received yesterday to the effect that there was very little demand in London for the *London Castle*, which was selling at from 84d. to 86d. per lb."

By Imperial decree, the Chinese Minister accredited to Spain, the United States of America and Peru, Chen-Lan-pin, formerly at the head of the well-known Cuba commission, has been recalled at the expiration of his term of service. In his stead, Cheng-tou-jin, Customs Fiscal at Tientsin, has been nominated.—*Courier*.

The friends of Mr. Freusberg, Interpreter at the German Consulate-General at this port, will be glad to hear of his promotion to the charge of German interests in Hanoi as Consul at Port-au-Prince. It is expected that his place here will be filled by one of the Messrs Von Mollendorf. Mr. Feindt, the predecessor of Mr. Freusberg at this German Consulate-General, now at home on leave, will probably return to China in October. Mr. Alfred Pellmann, Vice-Consul at St. Petersburg, has been promoted to the post of Consul at Tientsin. Mr. Bernhard Schaar has received the appointment of Vice-Consul at Swatow in the place of Mr. Ebell, resigned. Mr. Schaar is authorized to have passages subordinated before him, and to certify to the births and deaths of German subjects in his district. Mr. P. Kempermann, Vice-Consul at Hongkong, has been promoted to be Consul at Manila. It is anticipated that the next English mail will bring word as to who is to succeed him in the Crown Colony.

Dr. Philipp Lanz, who arrived here yesterday by the M. M. Co.'s steamer *Seppelt*, goes to Peking as Student Interpreter. Mr. Freusberg expects to leave Shanghai to take up his West Indian appointment in about a fortnight.—*N. C. Daily News*.

Police Intelligence.

(Before H. E. Widdowson, Esq., Police Magistrate.) Tuesday, July 12.

CHENG CHAN HEING and CHEUNG LI LAM were committed to the custody of P. C. 24 of indecently bawling in and defiling a public street close to Bonham Strand.

Found 55 each in default 7 days in prison with hard labour, and to be exposed in the stocks at the scene of offence.

THIEFING. Francisco Garcia and Feliciano Roda, seamen, of Manila, were charged with fighting and admitted having done so. They were fined 82 each and three days in goal with hard labour, and each bound over to keep the peace for one month in the sum of \$5.

THIEF. Lai Achi was charged with stealing a pair of silk trousers from San Awo, a married woman.

Complainant stated that as she was in a passage boat with a basket containing the trousers defendant snatched the trousers from her basket and ran. A constable arrested him.

Defendant admitted the charge. He got one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

OBSTRUCTION OF THE THROUGHPATH. Seven Chinamen were charged with leaving their baskets on the road-way on Saturday morning.

George Rodges P. C. No. 5 said he had got special instructions to look after these obstructions. The seven defendants were all sitting in Queen's Road East.

Fined 10 cents each or one day in goal.

THIEFING. Thomas Simonds, steward of the S. S. *Tandah*, was charged by Dr. B. M. Blennerhassett with making a disturbance at the Civil Hospital.

P. C. 610 said he found the defendant in the street with a large wound in his head, and took him to the Hospital, where he began to make a disturbance.

Defendant said he was exceedingly sorry for what he had done, and begged pardon.

Fined \$5 or 2 days in goal.

ALLEGED ASSAULT. Maria Ferreira, single woman belonging to Magno, was charged by another woman of the name of Mary.

Complainant said she and defendant lived in the same house. They had a quarrel about breaking open the door of the room in which they lived and got to blows.

Defendant denied striking her. Both parties bound over to keep the peace for one month in the sum of \$7.

ROBBERY AND ASSAULT. Wong Aing and Wong Ait, remanded from 2nd June, were charged with robbing Tse A-m of \$2, and also with assaulting him.

P. C. 168 said that in consequence of information he received he went and arrested the 2nd defendant on a charge of robbing the complainant. On the way to the Station, second defendant pointed out the first as having had a hand in the affair.

At the Station the first defendant was recognised by the complainant as one of the men.

Complainant said he was paying a visit to Hongkong, and while going in the direction of the Harbour Master's Office, on Saturday morning, he felt some one put his hand in his pocket and steal some money he had in it. He caught hold of him, when another man threw a stone which, striking him hard, forced him to let go. He reported the matter.

Inspector Lindsay gave evidence of the prisoners being brought to the charge room. He had the prisoners placed among a crowd of men, but the complainant recognised the first almost immediately and after some little time the second one.

Both defendants admitted having been in goal before.

To-day first prisoner was sentenced to six months in goal, and second discharged.

REMAIND CASE.

The coolies charged with the theft of \$54 from Dr. Jessop were again brought before the Court to-day, when the second and third defendants were discharged and the first further remanded for further evidence.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before the Full Court.) Tuesday, July 12.

Woo Mui Yee v. Thompson.—This case, as our readers will remember, was an action to recover loss by damage done to sugar candy.

Judgment was to have been given to-day, but a point was raised by the Acting Chief Justice, as to whether the 466 bags on which the jury had awarded damages belonged to the plaintiff. The point had pre-

viously escaped the notice of all concerned in the case. The Attorney General contended that they could not go behind the finding of the jury. After a good deal of discussion it was agreed, to save a new trial, that the parties present agree to an arrangement, and with that view the matter was left over.

The Attorney General, instructed by Messrs Sharp, Toller, and Johnson, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Hayllar, instructed by Messrs Dreyton and Wotton, for the defendants.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honor the Acting Justice Judge, J. Russell, Esq.)

LAM HOI TONG v. LAM TSAI CHENG.—This case, adjourned from last night, was taken on for trial to-day, and after a considerable time spent over it, the plaintiff was not-suited, with costs.

As regarded compensation for the wrongful detention of the junk, the Judge said that if the owners liked to raise an action they could do so, but no compensation could be given in this summary jurisdiction.

Mr. Mossop appeared for the defendant, and Mr. Wotton for the plaintiff.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THOSE SLIPPERY STEPS.

To the Editor of the "China Mail." 12th July.

Sir,—I have just seen a nasty fall on the steps at Peddar's Wharf, which makes the third since noon yesterday. These steps are a perfect disgrace to the Colony, and I feel one would be glad if something could be done. Can you suggest anything?

BROKEN BONES.

KEROSENE.

To the Editor of the "China Mail." 12th July.

Sir,—If Mr. Petrolina, who addressed you the other evening, were more attentive to observe facts than draw on his vivid imagination, we might hear less and fare better, as regards this stupid Kerosene scare.

Platt's Kerosene flashes at 110 Degrees.

There has never yet been a Kerosene Gasolene fire, or even a box of Kerosene in any garages.

Any shipmaster will tell you that he infinitely prefers a Kerosene cargo to a cargo of Coal, and considers it safer.

Kerosene cannot be fired till it is raised to the above temperature; a lighted candle may be used to open a tin full of Kerosene, and it will not light. What comes here is further protected from ignition by being packed in tin and outer wooden cases which must be heated to 110 degrees before the oil can be affected.

Platt's Kerosene, which all the oil imported here, does not explode under any circumstances, I believe.

To be safe in storing kerosene is necessary, as it is with coals (a much more dangerous article) or even grey shavings, which would be contact with a flame burn without warning; but when vexatious regulations involving the loss of many thousands of dollars of those who have built godowns under the old regulations—which have always worked well and with perfect safety—and who now have to pull down their buildings and erect others to abandon their trade, the matter becomes something more than a JOKE.

Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchange.)

A telegram from Albany was received at the last moment announcing the loss on the *Legaspi*, in the typhoon of the 27th June, of the steamer *Maritima* and the schooners *Niagara* and *Leonor*. Four Chinamen, passengers by the *Maritima*, were drowned. Another telegram was received announcing the loss of the schooner *Coronilla* and *S. Rafael* in Tabaco, and of the *Josef Petron* on the voyage from Legaspi to Naga.

It is also known that the *Genius* was totally lost in Boac.

Fears are also being entertained as to the safety of other vessels, which it is believed must have been caught in the typhoon of the 28th June, but nothing can as yet be predicted. At the same time, however, we must trust in the wisdom of the captains who must have tried their best to find shelter in some of the many ports on the coast which offer safe shelter to their ships.

The small steamer *Orion* has returned to port on the 6th with the main-mast lost; she has been laid up in the tide typhoon.

We are told that the schooner *Legaspi*, which was sunk in the port of Buluan, has on board some 600 bales hemp. The vessel is sunk low foremast.

Yesterday (3rd July) off the Rienta wharf, the body of a European drowned was floating, and it is said that it was the body of a Chinaman. We cannot say the name of the ship to which this unfortunate man belongs.

The steamer *Romulus*, regarding whose safety some fear was entertained, has not left Sin during the typhoon. She attempted to cross Rienta, but had to put back, and continued all the time in Sin.

The British barque *Queen of the Seas* dragged her anchors during the gale and fell upon the British barque *Birker*, and to prevent greater disaster the main and mizen masts were ordered to be cut off. During the confusion of the collision two unfortunate sailors fell overboard and were drowned.

By the news received from Albany we learn that the steamer *Maritima* had arrived at Legaspi on the 27th ultimo, at 6 p.m., that the Barometer did not show the approach of the typhoon to be so near at hand, and for this reason the vessel did not leave the anchorage and find shelter in the neighbouring port of Salut. The gale came so suddenly that it gave time for nothing, and the vessel was lost while riding at her anchors.

THE GALE OF THE 28th JUNE.

The news from the Meteorological Observatory of the Ateneo Municipal, which since the morning of Tuesday last, announced the approach of a typhoon, was completely confirmed.

We had indicated in our last issue that on the evening of that day violent gusts of wind were experienced, which later on resulted in a typhoon.

The Jesuit Fathers of the Ateneo Municipal say on the 29th that the gale blew with greater violence than the instrument at first indicated; the wind was stronger than in the typhoon of May last, although we were further from the vortex.

The greatest force of the wind was from 7.45 to 9.45 o'clock in the evening, veering from W.N.W. and W.S.W. The gusts were at 41 miles per second, or 9.2 miles per hour; the mean velocity during the whole time was of 81.4 miles per hour. The gale found its way into the island through the Infante district, in lat. 15, and the vortex crossed in the direction of E.S.E. to W.N.W. The provinces that suffered most, according to our view, are: Infanta, Nueva Ecija,

the north of the province of Bulacan, Panapanga and Zambales. We cannot say if it had turned off before or after striking the China Sea, because the state of the atmosphere did not permit us to make a precise observation.

But must be the news from the China Sea. The whole of yesterday the gale did not appear to having shifted from the parallels comprised between the lats. 15 and 18. Taking into consideration the low velocity of the gale, it is to be feared that it has been blowing for a few days in the China Sea. To-day the barometer continues low. The quantity of water collected in the pluviometer has reached 293.3 millimetres.

Before the phenomenon occurred, news of the approaching bad weather was circulated throughout the town, and precautions were duly taken by the inhabitants. The gale commenced about half-past six to blow with some force, making the traffic in the streets rather difficult; since that time it had increased in force, and at certain times the strong easterly force of the wind was something frightful, and induced one to believe that something extraordinary was going to happen. From 7 to 9 o'clock the wind was blowing with stronger force, and up to midnight the wind did not show signs of decreasing, which caused the inhabitants a few beams of rain falling, especially those dwelling in the houses of light construction.

In the houses with light roofs, the noises are still greater caused by the incessant vibrations of the foils. It is impossible to collect a complete list of the damages caused by the typhoon in the whole population, but the news has reached us already, which we are bound to believe, that the loss occasioned by the gale was considerable.

In one of the departments of the hospital San Juan de Dios, now in course of construction, several iron plates were carried away.

One of the epics of the towers of San Domingo, was twisted, and nearly blown away.

Part of the metallic roof of the house in the Magdalen district, occupied by the office of the *Junco de Manila*, was left uncovered; and while its immediate repairs were carried on, one of the workmen fell on to the yard, but fortunately he sustained injury of very small consequence.

In the Sanjuanense several trees in the garden of the College have been uprooted, and various of the exornamental plants there deposited for botanical studies were destroyed.

In the village of San José (Trozo), twenty houses of light materials fell to the ground, and various others of the same kind were partially destroyed.

In Binondo, in the Mexico Tobacco Factory, the wind blew away over 150 plates of the roofing which covered the first storey. The number of houses destroyed or blown down in Tondo reached 248.

In San Juan de los Rios, the houses have sustained damages more or less considerable. Trees were uprooted and torn branches have covered the streets.

In Novales the effects of the gale were largely felt: 89 houses were destroyed, several domestic animals have perished, the extensive sugar plantations have been uprooted, and the provisional court-house and the bridge were destroyed.

In Mariguina some 130 houses sustained damages, some of which fell to the ground. The river, which is in the centre of the town, has overflowed, thus destroying the extensive sugar plantations. The route to the capital (Manila) was rendered impassable. Several persons who intended to go across were compelled to return.

The incessant rains of the 28th, 29th, and 30th, have caused inundations in several parts of the city, especially in Tandang.

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